
By: **Delegate Frush**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **District Court - Traffic Citations - Payment of Fines**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court, in conjunction
4 with the State Comptroller, to establish a program to accept on-line payment of
5 fines for traffic citations; requiring that traffic citations contain the mailing
6 address and electronic address for remittance of prepayable fines; and generally
7 relating to traffic citations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
10 Section 1-605(d)(5)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2002 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article - Transportation
15 Section 26-201(c)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2002 Replacement Volume)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

21 1-605.

22 (d) In addition to the powers and duties granted and imposed in subsections
23 (a), (b), and (c) of this section, or elsewhere by law or rule, the Chief Judge of the
24 District Court shall:

25 (5) In conjunction with the State Comptroller, establish [a]:

26 (I) A system for the collection and remittance of costs, fines,
27 penalties, and forfeitures collected by the District Court; AND

1 (II) A PROGRAM TO ACCEPT ON-LINE PAYMENT OF A FINE
2 PRESCRIBED IN A TRAFFIC CITATION ISSUED UNDER TITLE 26, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE
3 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE;

4 **Article - Transportation**

5 26-201.

6 (c) A traffic citation issued to a person under this section shall contain:

7 (1) A notice to appear in court, including a notice that, if the offense is
8 not punishable by incarceration, the person may request a hearing regarding
9 sentencing and disposition in lieu of a trial as provided in § 26-204(b)(2) of this
10 subtitle;

11 (2) The name and address of the person;

12 (3) The number of the person's license to drive, if applicable;

13 (4) The State registration number of the vehicle, if applicable;

14 (5) The violation charged;

15 (6) Unless otherwise to be determined by the court, the time when and
16 place where the person is required to appear in court;

17 (7) THE MAILING ADDRESS TO WHICH A PERSON MAY REMIT A
18 PREPAYABLE FINE AND THE ELECTRONIC ADDRESS AT WHICH A PERSON
19 ALTERNATIVELY MAY REMIT A PREPAYABLE FINE;

20 [(7)] (8) A statement acknowledging receipt of the citation, to be
21 signed by the person;

22 [(8)] (9) On the side of the citation to be signed by the person, a clear
23 and conspicuous statement that:

24 (i) The signing of the citation by the person does not constitute an
25 admission of guilt; and

26 (ii) The failure to sign may subject the person to arrest; and

27 [(9)] (10) Any other necessary information.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 October 1, 2003.